

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2629 without my signature.

While the bill's proposal to allow a competent person to service agricultural manlifts in lieu of an entity certified by the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Division) has merit, other provisions in the bill are flawed and cannot be accepted unless supporting information is brought forward to justify the changes proposed. For example, the bill proposes to expand the Division's jurisdiction to include private residences, while removing the Division's jurisdiction over elevators in hydroelectric facilities. Both changes significantly alter long standing practices and were added to the bill with little explanation. Other provisions of this measure dealing with two-unit residential buildings are ambiguous and create more questions than answers. I suggest the proponents of this measure work with the Division to justify the proposed changes and draft unambiguous language that addresses the alleged shortcomings in existing law.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger